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1. Communists have been rather unsuccessful in gaining a foothold in German railroad administration or among organized railroad workers in the western zones. [REDACTED] only six to eight percent of railroad workers are Communists or Communist sympathizers, and the number within the railroad administration is fewer than ten persons. To improve this situation from the Communist point of view, early in 1948 the FDGB and the SED in the Russian Zone decided to intensify their efforts to penetrate the railroad administration. It was planned that at least one Communist should be placed in each service up to and including medium level services of the administration (Anter). (Comment: The railroad administration in Bizonia has four service levels: 1. Dienststellen, numbering 4327; 2. Anter, about 120; 3. thirteen Directorates, and 4. one General Directorate.) 25X1X
2. About the middle of February 1946, Lucas, Second Chairman of the Railroad Workers Union (Industriegruppe Eisenbahn) of FDGB in the Russian Zone, made a trip to the American Zone to prepare for this projected penetration. He visited, among other places, Stuttgart and Munich; at Munich/Freimann, he conferred with the works council chairman at the railroad repair shops, a known Communist (name not given).
3. If the Communists make serious attempts to implement their penetration scheme, source believes that they will be faced with a shortage of adequate personnel, particularly in the numerous small Dienststellen located throughout Bizonia. The railroad workers unions in Bizonia, which are to be combined into one union at the end of March 1948, issued secret instructions to their functionaries to observe and report on any conspicuous movement of Communist personnel from one railroad service to another or from city to country, or elsewhere.

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